

MHS offers second night of Gourmet Food and Spirits

A little mystery and great food has proven to be a great combination for local residents.

So much so, the Milton Historical Society has scheduled an additional night to accommodate all the fascinated (and hungry) Miltonians!

The organization's initial event – Gourmet Food and Spirits – sold out for October 23. A second night has been planned for Tuesday Oct. 29.

Participants will be treated to an evening explaining the mysterious strange happenings around the present town hall (original Halton County Court House & Jail) before heading to the 1864 historic building, La Toscana Ristorante (originally The Thompson House Hotel).

Afterward, everyone will then step inside the original bar room to continue to enjoy tingling stories and a delicious meal to match.

This heritage building was built in the Italianate style, there were 14 large bedrooms, four parlours, a large dining room and a bar room where tales may still linger! Local historian John McDonald will be our guest, sharing tales from the past.

Everyone meets at Town Hall a 7 pm before transitioning



Local historian John McDonald will take participants on a tour of some of Milton's mysteries before all meet at La Toscana for a special meal.

to La Toscana for a complete menu including dessert and coffee. The cost is \$75.

Registration is available online at miltonhistoricalsociety.ca or in person at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 am to noon. The venture is a fundraiser for the Milton Historical Society.

MHS hits right note at Milton Street Festival

More than 200 local residents took in the blacksmith demonstrations and checked out the books and other collectibles for sale at the historic Waldie Blacksmith Shop in beautiful downtown Milton during the Downtown Milton Street Festival on Saturday June 1, 2019.

For most of the day, Miltonians old and new, young and old experienced life in Milton in the late 19th Century and early 20th Century as blacksmiths at the Shop demonstrated their skills and Milton Historical Society historians were on hand to answer questions about the history of the community.

The Shop is open to visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

MHS hosts special events at Downtown Car Show

Classic car lovers who attend the Downtown Milton Classic Car Show at Friday July 19, will get a good sense of old Milton when they drop by Waldie's Blacksmith Shop that evening.

Hosted by Milton Historical Society from 6-9 p.m., the shop will feature a working blacksmith demonstration, special books of local history for sale and a display of unique collectibles.

Treasure seekers are bound to find something to get their motor running!

For further information, please visit www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca, email info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca or call 905-875-4156.



MHS Essentials

Garage Sale nets almost \$1,500

The MHS annual Spring Garage Sale netted at least \$1,458.

It was a busy day with lots of goods, some coffee mugs and a few new memberships sold. The event was held Saturday April 27 at our MHS Carriage Room.

We would like to thank every member & even non members who donated items. Also those who helped with set-up, take down and those who gave their time today to welcome our visitors who purchased various items.

Family history program popular

A full house of about 15 family sleuths listened to the advice from Dorothy Kew learning ways to trace their family history.

The event was part of the Milton Historical Society Special Interest Programs launched this spring with a wide range of historical related topics.

Ms Kew, a Local History and Genealogy Librarian at Mississauga Library System, spoke Wednesday May 1 at our MHS Carriage Room.

She was full of information of seeking a variety of ways to retrieve information for one's family. Among her recommendations were to use ancestry.com (or .ca) and familysearch.org.



Photo courtesy Cindy Lunau

MHS member Joan Kass, near centre in blue jean top, received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in June.

MHS member receives Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

This award recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements from across the country and abroad, celebrating a wide range of volunteer contributions. It is an official honour created by the Crown, and is part of the Canadian Honours System.

Joan Kass has been an inspirational volunteer for 20 years, notably as the coordinator of the annual Toronto Knitters Guild trade show, the Knitters Frolic.

As the team captain for the Guild's participation in the Relay for Life, she established a legacy of knitting items for people undergoing cancer treatments.

Her fellow knitters expressed the value she gave through encouragement, mentorship and commitment to the guild.

Over the years, under her leadership the team donations were over \$110,000 plus hundreds of scarves, chemo caps and similar items. Joan received this award medal in June. Well done Joan!

Hospice foundation sets sights on historic railway station

Milton's historic railway station is being considered as a centrepiece for a hospice.

Milton Town Council will consider the application by Townsend-Smith Foundation to build a hospice at Chris Hadfield Park. The application will incorporate the railway station as part of the 10-bed hospice.

The foundation is a long way from building the hospice. However, they have approached the Town on their plan to see if they could pursue it.

Town staff have endorsed the plan as a way to utilize the space and the station.

The railway station was moved from Bronte Street many years ago and has housed the Milton Chamber of Commerce and Information Milton. However, it has sat vacant for the past few years.'

Townsend-Smith was organized in 2011 with the goal of creating a place for palliative care in Milton. The foundation is hoping to raise \$10 million for his project.

SPRING HAPPENINGS !

MHS Spring Walking Tour kicks off

The annual Milton Historical Society Walking Tour Series kicked off on June 2 with a stroll on a beautiful Sunday afternoon along historic Mill and Victoria Streets.

The walks are a perfect introduction for new and older residents and first time visitors to Milton and include stories of the past, the history of the buildings and insights about the lives of those who lived and worked in old Milton. Each tour begins at 2 p.m. at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop, 16 James Street in downtown Milton. The cost is \$10 cash, per person, and includes a tour booklet keepsake for each of the four walks in the series.

The four spring walking tours were well attended. The walking tours will continue in September on four successive Sundays starting with Sunday Sept. 8 with a tour of Victoria Park Square.

For further information, please visit the Society's website at www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca or call (905) 875-4156 or email info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca.



The 2019 MHS Walking Tours began on a beautiful Sunday afternoon on June 2 with a walk along historic Mill and Victoria streets.



Top Left: Kathy Lawday spoke about medical aspects of early life in Milton during a session on What Makes Milton Milton.

Top Right: Blacksmith Darwyne Hourie gave a demonstration of blacksmithing during the Downtown Milton Festival.

Left: Nadia English from Hudson Restoration, shows off the Milton Historical Society booth at the Milton Farmers' Market on Saturday June 8. MHS hosts a booth on the first Saturday market of the month.



Annual MHS Summer Pot Luck held at birthplace of Jim Snow

The annual Milton Historical Society Summer Pot Luck Dinner was recently held at the birthplace of the Honourable James Wilfred Snow at 8350 Esquesing Line, now the home of MHS members Mirella and Jim Marshall.

The one-and-a-half story, limestone block, Regency-style cottage was built in 1850. It was owned by the Snow family from 1918 to 1941.

In a presentation about Jim Snow (July 12, 1929 - September 13, 2008) that followed dinner by MHS President John Challinor II, he was described by Mr. Challinor in a human context as a fearless learner with relentless energy, determination and industry. In his 1990 autobiography, *Mr. Jim*, Mr. Snow described himself professionally as a farmer, contractor, businessman, aviator and politician. Alluding to his quiet, reserved nature and typical Canadian modesty, Mr. Challinor added that Mr. Snow was a success in agriculture, in business with Snow Construction and Tube-Fab Limited, and in public life with the Ontario Ministry of Government Services, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Civil Aviation Tribunal -- attaining much in three distinct careers where many of us are fortunate to reach our goals in just one.

Through Mr. Snow's leadership, Snow Construction evolved from a home-builder in Oakville to a commercial builder, constructing some significant facilities across the province. Locally, Snow Construction is noted for its construction of Hillcrest United Church and the Ontario Provincial Police building in Milton. Tube-Fab Limited became a highly-recognized manufacturer of metal fabrications and assemblies for a number of industries, most notably the aircraft sector.

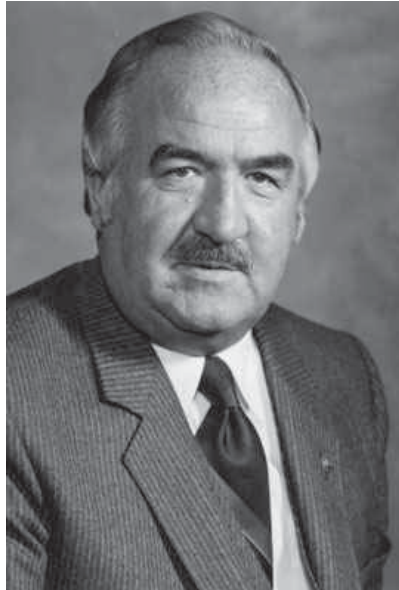
But, arguably, Mr. Snow made his greatest mark in public life, most notably as Ontario Minister of Government Services, Ontario Minister of Transportation and founding Chairman of the Civil Aviation Tribunal. At Government Services, he oversaw the construction of numerous courts, prisons and public buildings, including Maplehurst Correctional Centre and the Ontario Agricultural Museum. At Transportation, in addition to shepherding the greatest expansion of public infrastructure in the Province's 152-year history, he introduced mandatory seat belt legislation for adults, child restraint seats

for children and the safety features you see on all school buses today.

Mr. Snow left Queen's Park as not only the first provincial or federal Cabinet Minister from Halton, but the longest serving Minister of Transportation in Ontario's history and, indeed, Canadian history. While Minister, delegations from around the world regularly visited Mr. Snow to understand how the Government of Ontario had so capably and quickly built its transportation network across the province, whether that was highway systems, public transit or regional airports. Ontario continues to benefit from a number of decisions he made during his ten-year service as Minister of Transportation, said Mr. Challinor.

Following his appointment to the Civil Aviation Tribunal, Mr. Snow authored his autobiography; served as Director, Treasurer and President of the Canadian Owners & Pilots Association; purchased Hornby Towers Golf Club, re-named it Hornby Glen Golf Club and made many improvements to it before selling it. He and his wife, Barb, donated Pineland Farm, their family home for 44 years, to the Salvation Army. The barn on the property was affectionately known by locals as the Tory Museum as it was noteworthy for being decorated with numerous photographs and other memorabilia associated with the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party. Every provincial and federal Tory leader since the 1960s had addressed fundraisers there, including former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and former Ontario Premiers John Robarts, Bill Davis, Frank Miller, Mike Harris and Ernie Eves. It was also the setting for some of the largest non-political fundraisers ever held in the community, including Conservation Halton and Milton District Hospital.

For their considerable contributions to the community, including a \$500,000 donation to the hospital's Cat Scan (CT) fundraising campaign, Mr. and Mrs. Snow received lifetime achievement awards from Milton Chamber of Commerce in 2007. For the national and international prominence Mr. Snow brought to Milton, Ontario and Canada during his time in government, he was inducted into the Town of Milton's



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Joseph Brant's accomplishments highlighted

By John Challinor II

The larger-than-life times of Mohawk military and political leader Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea) (1743-1807) was recently shared with those who attended the monthly meeting of Milton Historical Society at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop on Thursday April 19, 2019.

Burlington Museum educator Valerie Garrett detailed the considerable accomplishments of that community's adopted son, from his birth on the shores of the Cuyahoga River in what is now the state of Ohio and his key role with British forces during the American Revolution to his strong advocacy on behalf of the Mohawks with Great Britain for lands along the Grand River and the eventual settlement of the Brant family along Lake Ontario where the City of Burlington is now situated.

Ms. Garrett weaved Brant's often colourful, sometimes complicated and ultimately full life through imagery, ar-

tifacts and story-telling.

She concluded that Brant be depicted as a respected, tough but fair negotiator on behalf of the Six Nations; a tenacious, fearless and celebrated war chief; and one of only a very few men of his generation who understood both the European and native North American civilizations, glided back and forth across that cultural divide easily and understood and spoke their languages fluently.

The transformation of the Joseph Brant Museum into Burlington's Community Museum and Heritage Centre will be completed in Summer 2019, with a 17,000 square-foot expansion that includes four exhibit halls, two multi-purpose rooms, lobby, gift shop, resource centre and storage for more than 25,000 artifacts and historical treasures. The current Joseph Brant Museum will undergo a renovation that will provide space for gallery displays, interactive programming and community outreach,



Burlington Museum curator Valerie Garrett (right) came to Milton for a meeting to discuss the life of legendary Mohawk leader Joseph Brant.

Summer potluck reflects on Jim Snow's legacy

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Walk of Fame in 2007.

Reflecting on the Walk of Fame, Mr. Challinor said he thinks of Mr. Snow whenever he is asked how a community the size of Milton has developed so many world-class athletes, artists, business leaders, elected representatives, philanthropists and scientists. He concludes that Milton's agriculture-based economy created a strong foundation for healthy food production and consumption; good paying jobs and wealth creation; and an effective education system. Mr. Snow was one of many Miltonians who benefitted from that strong foundation.

But, added Mr. Challinor, Mr. Snow made two key decisions in the early 1950s that would redefine him as being more than the successful young entrepreneur he had become, at that time. In 1950, he joined the Lions Club of Oakville and in

1952, he married Barbara Hughes. Over his almost 60-year association with the Lions Club, he consistently demonstrated leadership, vision and extraordinary philanthropy. The community of Oakville, specifically, and the Lions organization, generally, benefitted from his organizational and financial leadership. During his 56-year marriage to Mrs. Snow, they raised four great children -- James, Jeffrey, Julie and Jennifer.

On Saturday September 13, 2008, the 56th anniversary of his marriage, Mr. Snow passed away at age 79 of complications from diabetes at Milton District Hospital, surrounded by his family. At his funeral, former Ontario PC Party Leader John Tory and former Oakville PC Party Riding Association President Jack Lewis spoke about Mr. Snow's life to a packed congregation of mourners at historic St. Paul's United Church.

(Copies of Mr. Snow's autobiography, Mr. Jim, are available for purchase from Milton Historical Society online or by visiting the Waldie Blacksmith Shop for \$20)

Murray Campbell on playing baseball and hockey in the early 1900s

*Articles Published in The Canadian Champion
(Jim Dills Research)*

Wed. Nov. 9, 1966: Extract from an article “Murray Campbell interview on sports by Brian McCristall.

The white haired man sits upright in the chair and stares straight ahead. Like a gusher he spouts pure gold – in the form of gems from Milton’s sports past – and the visitor eagerly accepts the information and jots is down.

As he stares, he recited without noticeable hardship, details of his days as a ball and hockey player in town. “Drum”, a nick-name he carried for a long time, was applied because of the similarity between his name Campbell and camel. “It came from the dromedary camel, that’s how I got it”, he says.

In his baseball playing days from 1901-06 he was a catcher. His mates on the 1901 junior team included: Roy Field - second base, Bill Atkinson – pitcher, Charlie Barber – third base, Clarence Turner – centre field, Lou Wharton – shortstop, Bill Patterson – left fielder, right fielder Bill Winn, first base Ruby Springgay and utility man Cecil Earl. The team played seven games against Acton and Toronto teams, “and we did pretty well for a first year team,” he said.

Home ground for the “Victorias” was the fair grounds, but it wasn’t nearly as good as now. The diamond faced south rather than east and there was no grandstand. Three or four hundred fans would show up for a game and the standard fee

was 15 cents “though quite a few didn’t pay”. Bill Atkinson, the pitcher, was a hard thrower and lanky Clarence Turner was a wizard in the outfield.

It was the era of the dead ball and home runs were few and far between. Players often used “corked” bats and many times the umpires would catch them and order them to use proper bats. The rules were much the same except for foul balls. They didn’t count as strikes. “Fellows used to try to wear the pitchers out and hit as many as four or five fouls”

Mr. Campbell claims. His memories also cover Milton’s Sr. ball team which reaches as far back as 1896 when Acton won three games against Milton but Milton won the next four games.

From 1903-07 he played on several local hockey teams and believed it was a fine game but he never enjoyed it as much as ball. Shanny games were played in the old curling rink on Mill St. and the opposition used to come from Galt, Preston, Hespler etc. It was the days of seven-man hockey and according to Mr. Campbell, “the rover always got in the way, he ruined the combinations. I was glad when they changed the rule so that there were six men on a side.” In the old curling rink, the fans stood to watch the game – there were no seats – and the ice wasn’t marked. “It was a wide open game then”.

Mr. Campbell started work in Milton in the old Bank of Hamilton as the excellent salary of \$100 a year.

– Retrieved by Marsha Waldie

Spring’s special interest programs well received

MHS Carriage Room was a popular place for all the events

Milton Historical Society held four special Heritage Educational Programs with different interests. All were well attended.

MHS would like to thank the four guest leaders for sharing their time and knowledge with other members.

It started with the Bousfield family of Historic Lumber speaking about using reclaimed lumber.

Dorothy Kew, from the Mississauga Library system discussed genealogy.

Mandy Sedgwick and Mirella Marshall, from Sedgwick

Marshall Heritage Homes, spoke about ways to maintain and improve heritage homes.

And Shanon Kyles, from Mohawk College, spoke about architectural styles.

As well, we had several different leaders to discuss “What Makes Milton Milton”. Our thanks to Kathy Lawday, Susan Butson, Mirella Marshall and Marsha Waldie.

And finally, thanks to John McDonald who shared Milton’s history for new and older residents.

All events were held at Waldie’s Blacksmith Shop.

Every Heritage Home Tells A S T O R Y

A simple home but of heritage importance!

Where moving day meant something completely different

Research by Jack Charlton
Submitted by Marsha Waldie

As we know not all historic homes appear to be an architectural gem, many would look at this and wonder why?

This heritage home at 359 Pearl Street may be the only house in Milton that has had three locations. It is located today on Lot 10, Block 13 in the Teetzel Plan. It was built in 1851 by Mathias Teetzel an early land developer as a frame dwelling. It was then on Main Street between Charles and Commercial Streets. In 1870-71 Jane Sheppard had it moved to 358 Main St. and the Sheppards moved it again to its present site in 1912.

Recollections for the 1849 period, which appeared in The Canadian Champion April 7, 1892, note "and next to that was Teetzel's store and adjoining between that and Foster St. (today Charles St.) was the store-keeper's dwelling. The old residence was afterwards moved to a vacant lot on Main St. and now (1892) constitutes the first house you meet on the left hand side, coming in from the east end of town."

Mathias Teetzel was born in 1811 near Palermo, Ont., the eldest son of Charles and Mary Teetzel. He married Jane Lawrence early in 1830. In 1851 he purchased 44 acres of land in the southeast of Milton from Henry Huffman, which became known as the Teetzel survey. He subdivided the land selling off the lots. (area – Main St. to Oak St. and Ontario St. to Charles St.)

In 1854 he built a steam flouring mill on the corner of Main and Commercial St., part of the building is now a hotel – Brydens. He and his family moved to the State of Michigan and he became very successful. He died in 1865.

Volunteer Thank You

We would like to thank all our volunteers who assisted this year with our Historic Walking Tours, greeting our visitors, demonstrating the art of blacksmithing, our garage sale, in the archives, our monthly meetings, various events and with our building repairs etc.

Without volunteers our society could not continue to share our community history! If you are interested in becoming an active volunteer please let us know!



This home on Pearl Street is all decked out for Canada Day. It has experienced Canada Day at three separate locations in Milton, two on Main Street and this one. It was built in 1851.

GOURMET AND SPIRITS



A FUNDRAISING EVENT PRESENTED BY
MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Join us on **TUESDAY OCTOBER 29TH at 7 pm**
for an evening of haunting intrigue

Led by John McDonald, our local historian, the evening will start at Town Hall where we will learn of the Milton hangings... do the spirits of the accused still wander the grounds of the old jail?

We then transition to La Toscana Restaurant (formerly the 1864 Thompson Hotel) for dinner, drinks, and more stories that will send shivers down your spine!

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Milton Historical Society, 16 James St.



This beautiful home on Queen Street was built for one of Milton's earliest and most prominent land developers, Hugh Foster.

Queen Street home housed Foster family

Research by Jack Charlton
Submitted by Marsha Waldie

This was originally the home of one of Milton early land developers Hugh Foster.

Mr. Foster made a very important gift of four acres to the County of Halton for its court house, registry office and jail. Today we know it as Victoria Park, Hugh Foster Hall and where our Town Hall is located.

The heritage home at 213 Queen Street (Lot 7, Block 11, Foster Plan) was built in 1857 as noted in the Halton Journal, June 5, 1857.

This home was built for his family and registered in the name of his infant son Hugh Jr.

Unfortunately, Hugh Foster Sr. died a year later in 1858. The home was sold in 1875 to Duncan Dewar, who had married Hugh Jr.'s sister Nancy.

The Dewars had a family of four children: William as noted bandsman and postmaster in Milton from 1927-1934; Edith as spinster, was an ardent church worker and was the organist at Knox Presbyterian church for many years. The baptismal font was donated in her memory; Frederick was an insurance agent and lived at 99 Mill St.; Katherine married Donald S. Robertson and lived at 159 Martin St., her husband was the owner of the Robertson Lime Kilns.

The historic home was later purchased by Dr. Stevenson who raised his family here. He operated the Milton Private Hospital on Martin St. which closed when the new Milton District Hospital opened.



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Charles Howard Johnson

Mechanic, Car Dealer, Businessman • 1911 – 1998

By Marsha Waldie

Charles was born April 24, 1911 at the Johnson's home at the corner of Main and Bruce Streets. He was the second youngest of six boys Robert, Albert, Frank (Joseph Franklin), Fred, and James and he had a sister Joan, who was the youngest in the family.

His parents were Jacob Anson Johnson (1865–1940) and Mary Ann Elizabeth Armstrong (1885-1957) who are both interred at Evergreen Cemetery.

Charlie attended Bruce Street Public School and Milton District High School located on Martin Street. He was nicknamed "Carrot" because of his flaming red hair and developed a great sense of humour because of it. He could quote lengthy passages from the Bible as memorization was part of the high school curriculum at the time. He never lost the pleasure of reciting even when he was in meetings as a Milton councillor.

Charlie was a mechanic at his father's garage and when he started dating Margaret (Peggy) Ryder Marsh (1910-2000) she remarked, "I hardly knew what grease was until stepping out with Charlie."

Her parents Bertram and Alma (Barnes) Marsh settled in The Scotch Block in 1903 when they emigrated from England. Their home was named Mansewood and that is where Charlie and Peggy were married on Dec. 9, 1942.

Charlie and Peggy's firstborn was a son named Robert Stewart on March 9, 1946. Charlie wanted to name him after his brother (Joseph Franklin) but Peggy disagreed. Regardless the baby arrived home from hospital Charlie just started calling him Joe and it stuck. Their second child, born Oct. 3, 1947, was a daughter and they named her Margaret Isabel (Colgan).

Charlie bought a lot on Woodward Ave. to build a home for his family but the Second



World War had created building supply shortages. Undaunted Charlie purchased a vacant house in Mattawa, disassembled it and sent it by train to Milton.

With his brother Frank, Charlie worked for his father at Johnson's Garage. Eventually the business name changed to Johnson Bros. Garage and it was also a Chrysler dealership for 50 years.

Charlie was a Town Councillor 1954-1967 and 1970-1972, Deputy reeve in 1961. He was one of the originators of creating Centennial Park in 1967 beside the Mill Pond on Martin St. He was on the Arena Board and Police Committee. Charlie was a big fan of Milton sports. He was a charter member of the Milton Curling Club and a member of the Lawn

Bowling Club. He rose to be a member in St. Clair Chapter #75 Royal Arch Masons and member of Knights Templar.

In 1988 at age seventy seven, Charlie closed his business and retired. For the next 10 years, he and Peggy traveled to warmer climates in the winter. He enjoyed fishing, cards, storytelling and championing the community he helped establish.



Johnson Bros. Garage (later Johnson Bros. Chrysler) was a mainstay on Main Street for most of the 20th Century until it was closed in 1988. Charlie Johnson was also a town councillor for many years.

Challinor calls for re-instatement of restoration grants for heritage buildings

As Milton deals with ever-escalating residential and commercial growth, at times it has impaired the municipality's ability to retain residential and commercial buildings of significant historical interest to the community.

A provincial program which provided nominal financial grants to owners of residential and commercial buildings which were designated under the Ontario Heritage Act was cancelled by the previous Liberal Government -- a program that proved successful in our community in terms of encouraging local residents to identify, restore and maintain buildings of significant historical interest.

While the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport currently provides annual operating support to historical societies, museums and other heritage associations that promote public awareness of Ontario's rich and diverse heritage through its Heritage Organization Development Grant and the Government has given municipalities, through municipal heritage tax rebate programs, the ability to provide partial property tax relief on the municipality's dime to owners who restore residential and commercial buildings that are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act as being of architectural or historical

value, the Province is no longer a partner in the preservation of local buildings of significant historical interest.

"In April 2019, I asked Milton Council to support a motion asking the Government to re-instate the program," said Challinor. "That motion was seconded by Milton Ward 1 Regional Councillor Colin Best and supported by all members of Council."

"While I fully comprehend the difficult financial state that the Ford Government finds itself in, one that was not of its own making but one that it inherited from the Wynne/McGuinity Government, the heritage building restoration grant is an insignificant expense whose re-instatement won't move the Government perceptibly further away from fiscal balance.

"The program has helped to identify, restore and maintain a number of residential and commercial buildings of historical importance in our community over most of the last 30 years. Upon review of Council's request, I am confident the Government will restore this cost-effective program, one that brings local governments, the provincial government and property owners together in a collaborative fashion to protect key physical components of our rich history for generations to come."

Marsha Waldie pinch hits as may monthly guest speaker

Longtime Milton Historical Society Board member Marsha Waldie pinch hit as the monthly guest speaker in May when the featured speaker couldn't make it, due to illness.

Marsha took those in attendance through a largely visual presentation about Milton on its 150th anniversary as an incorporated municipality, showing then and now photographs from 1857 to 2007 and providing some very interesting insights about the community over that period of time.

The presentation was originally developed by MHS co-founder Jim Dills, who had prepared it as part of the Society's 150th Anniversary celebrations 12 years ago.

The Society has numerous visual presentations on tap about many aspects of Milton's rich history, which it regularly shares with various local groups through speaking engage-



Marsha Waldie took the audience through a reflection of Milton's 150th anniversary which took place in 2007.

ments.

Local historians John Challinor II and John MacDonald are associated with the MHS Speakers Bureau and are available to speak on various local historical topics at no charge, by invitation only. However, a donation to the Society as thanks for their efforts is always appreciated.

Future of Ruhl Farmstead may be decided soon

By Mike Boyle

A decision from the Ontario Municipal Board is expected in the next few months which will perhaps determine the future of the Ruhl Farmhouse.

Located at 255 Ruhl Avenue, and within Sunny Mount Park, the Ruhl Farmstead was purchased by Lakeside Contracting of Mississauga.

An historic home, the Town of Milton produced a few studies and one key report (COMS 015-11) which had hoped the building could be renovated to accommodate an events facility and restaurant, or a day spa, or a not-for-profit community fieldhouse.

However, Lakeside Contracting has proposed a 27,000 sq. ft, three-storey building and another commercial property near the Ruhl Farmhouse, perhaps linked with a passageway. The intention for all of this, says Lakeside owner Dave Diamante, is to accommodate an inclusive medical facility with a pharmacy. He says although this is his company's goal, none of the potentials have been rented.

His company's plans including spending up to \$400,000 renovating the Ruhl Farmhouse. As well, it would include a parking lot. He said that once the extensive proposal was presented, there was substantial neighbourhood opposition.

Barb Koopmans, Milton's Commissioner for Planning and Development, says the Town didn't object to the proposal to develop the farmhouse. She said the Town's objections centred on the intensity proposed for that area.

Sunny Mount Park sits in the middle of a subdivision next to Anne MacArthur Public School. On the street side of the property, there's a public park with a playground. The Milton Horticultural Society also houses public gardens there. At the back of the grounds, is a leash-free dog park.



Here's what the farmhouse looked like while it was being lived in. Its original address was 895 Bronte Street South. Development in the area has changed its address because access is now off Ruhl Drive.

And in the middle of this sits the Ruhl Farmhouse, showing a few signs of neglect. Mr. Diamante says the Town bylaw officer has called him a few times to deal with vandalism as some people have made their way inside and left a mess.

The OMB first met in 2017 on this issue and met last in February 2019. Mr. Diamante is expecting the decision soon.

He said he'd be open to selling the property if the decision is unfavourable to him.

According to the Town's report, the farmstead includes a number of buildings, the most important of which are the farmhouse and barn. These two buildings and their setting are designated under Part IV Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act. The farmhouse comprises of a rare 1840's wing that formed the original pioneer farmhouse and a grander circa. The 1850's front section that was constructed in the particularly well crafted style that includes Georgian, Greek Revival and Italianate influences. The barn was built by a subsequent owner. It is of particular significance because of its early use of hollow clay tiles in its foundation, as well as because of its disciplined design, state of preservation and traditional relationship to the farmhouse.



This is the state of the Ruhl Farmhouse now. There have been a few break-ins. It sits well back from Ruhl Drive, near a leash-free dog park.

MHS Activities

MHS at the Classic Car Show

Friday July 19 • 6-9 pm, Free

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Fall Garage Sale

Saturday September 14 • 9 am to 1:30 pm

Milton Historical Society will host its popular Annual Fall Garage Sale at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop. The sale will feature used small furniture, flatware, glassware, tools, toys, collectibles and many other interesting items. All funds raised will assist MHS in its development of the archives as well as educational heritage programs. Those wishing to donate items to the sale can drop them off on Friday Sept. 13 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. or call 905-875-4156 on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Monthly Meeting:

Nassagaweya History

Thursday September 19, 2019 • 7:30 pm, Free

Guest speaker Cindy Lunau, has resided in the Nassagaweya area of Milton for many years. She will be sharing some of the history of the area. She has been a strong advocate for preserving the area.

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Milton's History for New Miltonians

Saturday September 21, 2019 • 10:30 am, Free

This special interest program is a great opportunity for our new Milton residents to learn more about Milton's history. The program will be an open friendly form where adults can improve their knowledge while enjoying a coffee, meeting new friends in a social setting. Local historian Mr. John McDonald will be leading this informative session. Please register online or by phone.

Monthly Meeting:

Milton Collectible Memorabilia

Thursday October 17, 2019 • 7:30 pm, Free



Walks Into History

See your town as never before on one of our four guided Walking Tours of Old Milton:

Sunday Sept. 8 – Historic Victoria Park Square

Sunday Sept. 15 – Historic Main Street

Sunday Sept. 22 – Historic Victoria & Mill streets

Sunday Sept. 29 – Historic Martin Street

When: 2:00 pm

Meet: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – Book online or cash at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

Guest speaker John Duignan is a long time member and local historian. John is an avid collector of all things Milton who strongly believing in preserving our town's heritage. He will be sharing the history of some of the items he has collected over the years. **Where:** Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Special October Evening:

Gourmet and Spirits

Wednesday October 23, 2019 • 7:30 pm (Sold Out)

Tuesday October 29, 2019 • 7:30 pm

Experience an evening complete with mysterious strange happenings around the present town hall (original Halton County Court House & Jail) before heading to the 1864 historic building, La Toscana Ristorante (originally The Thompson House Hotel). You will then step inside the original bar room to continue to enjoy tingling stories and a delicious meal to match. This heritage building was built in the Italianate style, there were 14 large bedrooms, 4 parlours, a large dining room and a bar room where tales may still linger! Local historian John McDonald will be our guest, sharing tales from the past.

Milton Historical Society MEMBERS



FEATURED MEMBER

Pressé Law has provided legal advice for 30 years

Pressé Law has been providing legal services to the Town of Milton and the surrounding communities for more than 30 years.

Founded in 1979, the firm specializes in the fields of real estate law, estate law, and corporate law and is able to offer quality advice to clients from all walks of life. Pressé Law takes pride in its ability to foster close relationships with clients, which in turn entails it can take into account the nuanced details of a particular client's situation.

Over the years, the firm has gained a reputation for being professional and practical while also approachable.

At Pressé Law, clients can expect to be able to put their trust in the firm and enjoy exceptional legal services that can put their mind at ease.

Our Lawyers

Derek Pressé, LL.B

Derek was called to the Ontario Bar in 1977 and was raised in Milton. Derek practices real estate, wills/estate, and corporate law. Derek's extensive experience in these fields will serve your legal needs well. Derek can be reached at 905-876-4656 or by email at Derek@presselaw.com.

Liana Pressé, J.D.

Liana was called to the Ontario Bar in 2012 and was born and raised in Milton, Ontario. Liana practices real estate, wills/estate, and corporate law. Though new to practice, Liana's work ethic and diligence will ensure that quality legal services are provided. Liana can be reached at 905-876-4656 or by email at Liana@presse-law.com.

Membership Information

We'd greatly appreciate your support to keep our mandate going
for another 40 years!

We at MHS, call it History in the Making!

Corporate Memberships

- Level A:** \$100 yearly for businesses
with 10 employees or less
- Level B:** \$200 yearly for businesses
with 10 employees or more

General Memberships

- Single\$25 yearly
- Family\$40 yearly
- StudentsFree (ages 12-18)

Corporate Members

Boston Pizza

(Member since July 9, 2018)

Casa Americo Italian Bistro & Restaurant

(Member since September 25, 2018)

Dr. Glen Hunter

(Member since January 8, 2019)

Edward Jones Investments - David Illingworth

(Member since July 17, 2018)

Fitzgerald Insurance –

a division of Spriggs Insurance Ltd

(Member since September 13, 2018)

Given Road West Communications

(Member since January 7, 2019)

Halton Region Heritage Services

(Member since March 21, 2019)

Hibbert Foot Clinic – Foot Care Specialists

(Member since January 3, 2019)

Historic Lumber

(Member since October 13 2018)

Hudson Restoration

(Member since May 27, 2019)

J. Scott Early Funeral Home

(Member since January 2, 2017)

La Rose Bakery

(Member since July 18, 2018)

La Toscana Ristorante

(Member since June 14 2019)

Pressé Law – Barristers & Solicitors

(Member since Aug. 28, 2018)

Roto-Static Milton

(Member since January 3, 2019)

Sedgwick Marshall Heritage Homes Ltd

(Member since October 16, 2018)

Strutt Armstrong

Chartered Professional Accountants

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The Linklater Group

(Member since September 25 2018)

The Vacuum Store

(Member since July 24, 2018)

Watada Medicine Professional

(Member since November 15, 2018)

**Special thanks to our valued
Corporate Members. Please kindly
support their businesses.**



THE MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving Milton's History for Future Generations

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:	_____
Address:	_____ _____
Phone:	_____
Email (please print)	_____

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Check categories that apply)

- ☐ New Member or ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Single \$25 ☐ Family \$40 ☐ Youth (free)
- ☐ Corporate (10 or less employees) \$100
- ☐ Corporate (11 or more employees) \$200
- ☐ Yes, as a new member I wish to receive the Journal and other e-communications.

VOLUNTEERS HELP US FORGE OUR FUTURE

We know all members have certain unique talents, skills and abilities.
We ask you to share these, as our society relies on your active support and involvement.

These are just a few of the areas you can help the society with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Support/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic Opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Archives Cataloguing & Care |

(Please check those that interest you as listed on the back of this form)

DONATIONS

I wish to make a separate donation to MHS in the sum of _____

Donations and payments can be made on line through **PayPal** from our website.

(A tax receipt will be issued for all donations totaling \$25.00 or more)

Note: The Milton Historical Society has set up a foundation
under the "Community Foundation of Halton North" (CFHN).
You can also donate through this foundation towards the Milton Historical Society.
Please contact our Society for further information.

The Milton Historical Society is a registered charity # 110041358RR0001

Please make cheques payable to Milton Historical Society Mail completed form/remittance to: The Milton Historical Society 16 James St., Milton, ON L9T 2P4

HELP SUSTAIN MILTON'S RICH HISTORY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

The Milton Historical Society was founded in 1977 to encourage appreciation of, and promote knowledge of, the historical and cultural heritage of the Town of Milton. To that end, the Society organizes popular community activities throughout the year and undertakes numerous projects including:

- The restoration and operation of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop
- The publication of books on the history of Milton
- The operation of the Cooke / Dills Archives
- Research and plaquing of Milton's historic properties
- Walking Tours of historic Milton neighbourhoods

To help fund these worthwhile projects, the Milton Historical Society is actively seeking to engage members of Milton's business community as sponsorship partners through our Corporate Membership Program. As a Corporate Member, you will not only help to support a vital and high profile local cultural organization, but you will also receive recognition and benefits including:

- Name mention in The Journal (the Society's quarterly newsletter)
- Name mention in the monthly e-Newsletter (Launching this Fall)
- Name mention on the MHS Website
- Name mention on Social Media Channels
- Name mention in Media Press Releases
- Name mention at the Speaker Forum Presentations
- Name mention at the Student Educational Class Presentations
- Name mention at the Monthly Meeting Series
- 10% off Guided Walking Tours
- 10% off all MHS Publications
- MHS Member-Level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives
- 10% off Carriage Room rental
- 10% off Blacksmith Classes (Waldie Blacksmith Shop)
- One free employee activity evening at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop
- Company presentation by the MHS President



Note: Visit our website for more details and how to take advantage of these special offers.

Becoming a Corporate Partner costs only \$100 for businesses with 10 employees or less, or \$200 for those with more than 10 employees. By the way, Single memberships are \$25 and \$40 for Family. These memberships are a great way to get your employees involved. We are always looking for Volunteer Support at our numerous events around town.

Note: These prices are for a year and renewed on their anniversary date.

Also see us around town at various events • Display at the Milton Downtown Classic Car Show • Display at the Milton Downtown Farmers Market • Float in the Milton Santa Claus Parade • Pot Luck Dinners for MHS Members • Festivities surrounding MHS Heritage Week • MHS Garage Sales (please visit our website for more details).

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On behalf of the MHS Board, we very much appreciate your support and working together to advance our historic mission!

Brad Collis – Community Marketing Lead



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Member-level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives

MANY PRIVILEGES

VISIT TODAY! miltonhistoricalsociety.ca

Contact: Brad Collis, Community Marketing Lead
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THE MHS STORY 40 Years in the Making

PRESERVATION: Generating awareness about, helping to preserve our historical culture, infrastructure and memories in Milton and "keeping the history alive" for generations to come

MEMBERSHIPS: Appreciating our loyal corporate and general members and attracting new members

EVENTS: Informative, fun and engaging garage sales, guided walking tours, member Pot Luck dinners, Christmas Sale, Farmers Market, Heritage Week, Downtown Milton Classic Car Show, and Downtown Milton Street Festival

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